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1. DEPT CONCURS EMBASSY BEIRUT'S VIEW REFTTEL THAT
PRESSURES ON UNRWA CONGEN RENNIE SUCH THAT HE WILL FURTHER
DELAY REDUCTIONS IN UNRWA SERVICES ONLYRPT ONLY UPON FIRM
ASSURANCES DIRECT FROM GOJ THAT THEREWILL DEFINITELY BE
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SUBSTANTIAL ADDITIONAL ARAB CONTRIBUTIONS INNEXT FEW

MONTHS. MOREOVER, SINCE ARAB LEAGUE MINISTERIAL MEETING NOT TO RECONVENE UNTIL JUNE 21, AND MONTH OR MORE WILL BE NECESSARY TO COLLECT CONTRIBUTIONS UNDER BEST OF CIRCUMSTANCES, RENNIE ACTUALLY BEING ASKED TO POSTPONE REDUCTIONS WITHOUT RECEIVING ADDITIONAL INCOME UNTIL SEPTEMBER AT EARLIEST. HE WILL REQUIRE DETAILED AND CONVINCING EVIDENCE, CONVEYED TO HIM PERSONALLY, THAT POSTPONEMENT OF THIS LENGTH WILL NOT RESULT IN UNRWA BUDGETARY AND ADMINISTRATIVE COLLAPSE IN LATE 1975.

2. CHARGE SHOULD MAKE POINTS ABOVE TO RIFAI AT EARLIEST POSSIBLE OPPORTUNITY, MAKING CLEAR THAT QUESTION IS NOT OF ANY DOUBT OVER EFFORTS GOJ IS MAKING, WHICH WE AND UNRWA GREATLY APPRECIATE, BUT RATHER OF EXTREME CRISIS UNRWA

FACES AND RENNIE'S SENSE OF HIS PERSONAL HEAVY RESPONSIBILITY IN MEETING IT. IN VIEW OF UNIMPRESSIONING JORDANIAN REPRESENTATION BEIRUT, AND NEED TO MAKE BEST CASE TO RENNIE PERSONALLY, CHARGE SHOULD DISCREETLY SUGGEST THAT RIFAI MAY WISH SEND SPECIAL EMISSARY TO RENNIE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. KISSINGER

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